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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed by the applicants on September 18, 2006, and to date no Filing Receipt or Notice of Missing Requirements has been received. In view of the lapse of time from the filing of this application, the undersigned inquires as to the status of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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